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Dear NED,

THE province you aſſigned me of giving you an account of our Dramatical Poetry, is more irkſome than I at firſt imagined. And as a paper war ſeems to be commenced between the favourite Poet of Drury-lane and the Grub-ſtreet Journal, I ſhould upon no account enter the liſts, but to gratify your unaccountable whim, and keep my promiſe. There is much more pleaſure to be found in rural than theatrical ſcenes: and I envy you the natural and innocent amuſements you have in Salop, whilſt I am doing penance, in ſeeing thoſe, which are oppoſites to nature and innocence at Drury-lane. My Remarks upon *The Old Debauchees* and *Covent-Garden Tragedy* will be very ſhort, ſeveral having been already publiſhed by others. The Author from his firſt appearance in the world as a Poet, has always aimed at humour: which, if founded on a right baſis, is the chief ſupport and life of all comic writing. But as that baſis is nature only, he has often ſucceeded ill, when he had great hopes of pleaſing well. Humour, when embelliſhed by the aſſiſtance of wit, ſtill grows more diverting; and hence it is, that CONGREVE is generally more admired than JOHNSON; a great deal of the humour of the latter being found in the former, with that charming additional beauty of wit, of which JOHNSON was not a maſter. This aſſertion may not be ſo readily agreed to by many; but a further defence of it here is foreign to my ſubject.

There runs through *the Old Debauchees* a continued conatus both at wit and humour: but the Poet, like TANTALUS in the fable, is ever aiming at what is ever deceiving him. His wit is nothing but a few forced common place ſtrokes againſt Prieſtcraft; and the whole character of *Father* MARTIN is but DRYDEN's GOMEZ and SHADWELL's *Teague o' Divelly* curtailed, and diveſted of their native beauties. I accuſe him not for having ſaid any thing againſt Prieſtcraft, but for having ſaid nothing new. The characters of old JORDAIN and LAROON are as far from being humorous, as they are from being natural; they might have paſſed in a Farce; but are altogether inconſiſtent with Comedy. 'Tis true, there are ſuch things as Prieſt-ridden and debauched old men; but the Poet has not drawn them with a juſt humour. The ſuperſtition of the one conſiſts chiefly in a deep groan; and the ranting of the other in the natural rodomontadoes and deſcriptions, ſuch as *leaping over Notre Dame Steeple, and an Opera in purgatory, an Opera of groans, &c.* If this is what he is pleaſed to call his *ridiculum acre*, I muſt ingenuouſly confeſs it is ſtronger than any I have ever met with among the antients or moderns; and is much beyond my taſte.

As to the *Covent-Garden Tragedy*, I ſhall paſs by the moral part, which has been attacked by other hands; and conſider it only in the Author's own way, whether 'tis a piece of juſt humour; and as ſuch to be tolerated on the ſtage. I ſhould not have entered on this ſubject, ſince the Author ſo prudently gave this Piece up the firſt night, had not his defence of it ſince (which ſhews his ſubmiſſion to the Town was not voluntary) required it. As I layed it down before, that nature muſt be the baſis of humour, Mr. F — may ſay this is juſt humour, as being a juſt imitation of nature; and that the characters are drawn from known realities. But humour is to repreſent the foibles of nature, not its moſt ſhocking deformities; and when any thing becomes indecent, it is no longer humour, but ribaldry. BEN JOHNSON, the greateſt humouriſt, I believe, of any age, never makes any infringement on morals or good manners: That would be only to pretend to an excellence in which a Poet might be equalled if not excelled, by any rake or bawdy-houſe bully.

Theſe obſervations were not occaſioned by ſpleen or malice; I am ignorant of Mr. F —, even as to his perſon, nor do I envy him his intereſt with the Managers at Drury-lane. I am not of a party againſt him, nor the ſame with DRAMATICUS, PUBLICUS, &c. I have not uſed any ſcurrility, but have cenſured his writings, not him: I pay a deference to his birth, but cannot think it a title to wit, any more than it is to a fortune; nor that every man who has had the honour of being ſcourged at Eaton or Weſtminſter is a man of ſenſe: this I mention only that I would have no Poet pique himſelf on his family or his ſchool.

I ſhould now give you ſome account of the *Mock Doctor*, about which you are ſo very earneſt. 'Tis done from MOLIERE by Mr. F——g. The Town has receiv'd it well; but ſome Critics ſay, he has not done juſtice to the French Poet, nay, that he has tranſlated the very title itſelf wrong. As I am ignorant of the original, I ſhall not pretend to paſs my judgment upon the Tranſlation: but here, to ſhow my freedom from all prejudice againſt Mr. F—— g, I muſt confeſs, that I think it an entertaining Farcical Piece; but whether the pleaſure is owing to him, or MOLIERE, I know not. Some ſay it is owing only to *young* CIBBER's playing his part ſo well: but tho' a Player may ſet off and give life to a part, yet action only would not divert, where there was not ſome original pleaſantry.

There was a thing acted laſt night called, *Rural Love*, or *The Merry Shepherd*: I can compare it to nothing but that extraordinary Piece of C——y C——r, Eſq; called *Love in a Riddle*, its likeneſs to which, I ſuppoſe, might be the occaſion of its appearance on the ſtage: for tho' it is neither tragic, comic, paſtoral, nor farcical, yet it ſeems it is theatrical, which is the *primum mobile* of Drury-lane. I muſt add, the young company are now rehearſing a farcical ballad Opera of the *Devil of a Duke*, altered from *A Duke and No Duke*, which is their laſt production for the ſummer ſeaſon. As the original Farce is void of wit and juſt humour, the few additional tunes make no other alteration in it than to make it appear more ridiculous, and to ſeem even below the hopes of pleaſing the upper gallery. I ſhould not have been able to have paſſed any cenſure on it before its repreſentation, but from hearing one of the performers out of the joy of his heart, repeat ſome of its beauties in a publick Coffee-room. This ſeemed to intimate in what eſteem young C—— their preſent Manager held it; and that the beauties the young player pointed out were ſuch as Mr. C—— had commended at the rehearſal. I ſhall not in juſtice here cenſure them, but leave them to the fate of the other beautiful pieces of this ſummer's production.

It has been ſaid *young C—— was eſteemed a judge of ſomething beſides acting:* but his management this vacation has not increaſed his reputation as a judge. If I am not miſinformed he apes his father, and muſt not only judge, but correct. Whatever pretenſions the father has to ſuch a liberty, I am ſure the ſon can have none as yet. And even his judgment has been called in queſtion for bringing the *Covent-Garden Tragedy* on the ſtage, and afterwards pretending to defend it in a public Paper. I am glad, Dear NED, that Bartholomew Fair relieves me from my engagement; tho' I might as well have promiſed to have ſent you an account of the Drolls there, as of thoſe at Drury-lane.

I am, Dear NED, yours,

PROSAICUS.

To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary to the Grubean Society.

SIR,

THere is not any reflection which occurs ſo often in RAPIN's *Hiſtory of England*, as that concerning divine judgments: wherever a wicked man happens to ſuffer, he never fails remarking how rarely Providence permits criminals to eſcape without a judgment. The numerous repetitions of this obſervation induced me to examine into the truth of it. In order to which, it was neceſſary to know, what our Author might mean, when he made uſe of the word judgment. A judgment then I take to be a puniſhment inflicted by God in this world, upon account of ſuch actions, as render the agent a proper object of that treatment.

Arguments againſt judgments.

Argument 1. With a view to ſhew the falſity of the ſuppoſition, it is allowed, that judgments are ſometimes exerciſed upon the wicked. Accordingly we obſerve, if this be ſo, then it follows, that every wicked man ſince the creation of ADAM has undergone a penalty for the ſake of his tranſgreſſions. For if this hath been the caſe ſometimes, the motive, God acted upon, muſt have been, that thoſe delinquents had made themſelves ſuitable marks for his reſentment. Now ſince all delinquents are alike ſuitable marks for his reſentment, therefore all delinquents that have lived ſince ADAM, muſt have felt the effects of that reſentment. Theſe two propoſitions therefore, That judgments have been exerted upon ſome ſinners, and, That they have been exerted upon all ſinners, reſt upon the ſame bottom, and muſt ſtand or fall together. Whence it appears, that, as puniſhments have not overtaken all offenders in this world, ſo they cannot have overtaken any offender, —— *Anſwer.* It is preſumed in the foregoing argument, that God All-mighty in his determinations concerning the puniſhment of ſinners in this world, takes in nothing but their guiltineſs; (that is to ſay) it is preſumed that he only examines, whether they be guilty or not, and according as he finds the one or the other to be true, puniſhes or does not puniſh. But this, I think, is only taking a point for granted and not proving it: ſo that, for what has yet been ſhewn to the contrary, there may be abundance of inducing conſiderations to the great mind for the puniſhment of ſinners; conſequently there may be reaſons for doing it it in one caſe, which reaſons may not ſubſiſt in another caſe, or it is poſſible that it is right for God to take vengeance upon ſome offenders, and yet it may be even wrong to do the ſame with reſpect to others. Nothing concluſive has therefore been offered to make appear the eſtabliſhment of the two propoſitions in queſtion upon the ſame bottom: and conſequently the argument about the impunity of ſome bad men, does not conclude againſt judgments poured down upon others, that is, it does not anſwer the purpoſe for which it was alledged.

Argument 2. 'Tis plain, that wicked men could never have been puniſhed in this world for their miſdeeds, becauſe the good have been plunged in calamities as grievous as the bad. Now it can never be thought, that good men have ſuffered for their crimes (for this were to ſuppoſe them at the ſame time to be both good and bad) from whence 'tis evident that the misfortunes of the wicked likewiſe ought not to be imputed to their wrong conduct. We are very ſenſible it may be urged, that we are uncapable of knowing who is good, and that therefore we cannot be certain of any oppreſſions of virtue: but, this concluſion is obviouſly unſound, for tho' we cannot infallibly determine, whether this or that particular man be good or no, yet we have good reaſon to believe that a few upright men at leaſt have lived in the world, and very ſure we are that thoſe few muſt have been racked with pains and troubles, which is ſufficient for our purpoſe. —— *Anſwer.* 'Tis allowed that the good participate in their ſhare of the anxieties and vexations of human life, but it does not follow from thence (as it is aſſerted in the preceeding argument) that the burdens under which the wicked labour, are not put upon them for the ſake of their demerits: I ſay, this by no means follows: for as right actions render the agent a proper object of reward, ſo oppoſite actions produce an oppoſite effect: if therefore any one be motleyed with a mixture of both theſe, in part he deſerves the divine favour, and partly the divine diſpleaſure: this I take to be the caſe of every righteous man, (for it is only the preponderancy of good actions which procure him that denomination) every righteous man then is worthy of puniſhment; from whence it follows, that even the good may bring down the wrath of God upon them by their crooked behaviour, and if the good may do ſo, this argument about the pains of the good is ſo far from proving that the wicked cannot ſuffer here, that it clearly evidences, how well they may. —— No, (ſays the argument) to ſay this of the good, is to ſuppoſe them both good and bad. To which I anſwer, that if by good and bad men, the argument means, thoſe, whoſe juſt conduct prevails, but who nevertheleſs are not faultleſs, I muſt confeſs my poſition to ſuppoſe the ſame man both good and bad, but then there is nothing abſurd in the ſuppoſition: but if by the words good and bad, the argument means, thoſe, whoſe conduct of each kind exceeds or predominates, then I allow it to be abſurd to ſay, that the ſame man may be both good and bad; but in that ſenſe, what I have ſaid no way ſuppoſes it, and cannot therefore be in any manner affected by it; ſo that if the words good and bad be taken in either of theſe two meanings, it will ſtill be nothing to the purpoſe to object, that my propoſitions imply the ſame man to be both good and bad.

Argument 3. It muſt neceſſarily be falſe, that the wicked ever call down the anger of their Creator upon themſelves in this world, becauſe the contrary ſuppoſition would infallibly exclude his future indignation: for it would be highly unjuſt in God, to puniſh in both theſe ways; now the Scripture expreſly declares, that he will do it in the latter; ſince therefore the two opinions in debate are inconſiſtent, and either the one or the o[ther] muſt be given up, ſurely it is much preferable, to [reaſon] from that, which is not delivered in Scripture, tha[n] that which is: it is much more likely to believe, th[at] immoral come off with impunity in this life, than th[at]

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ſhould avoid the torments of a future ſtate. — *Anſwer.* Matters are not come to that deſperate iſſue, as that there ſhould be a neceſſity of retracting either of the two points mentioned in the argument. It is there (in the argument) ſaid to be contrary to the juſtice of God, that the impious ſhould bear the weight of their folly both here and hereafter likewiſe. How ſo? Juſtice is the diſtribution of rewards and puniſhments, in exact proportion to the degree of merit or demerit: injuſtice then is failing in ſuch a diſtribution: what therefore has the ſuppoſition of puniſhment in this world, and the ſtate ſucceeding this, to do with injuſtice? There ſeems to be no manner of connexion between them: for the ſame degree of puniſhment may be as well inflicted at different times, as at the ſame time: admit for example, that the degree of puniſhment be equal to eight, it is ſtill no more than eight, tho' you divide it into two equal ſeparate payments. Injuſtice then conſiſts in too great a quantity of pain given, for the quantity of tranſgreſſion, not in its being given at different times. Now ſince no concluſion can be juſt which is drawn from wrong premiſes, it follows that the inference in the foregoing argument, which is founded on ſo miſtaken a principle, cannot remain firm and unſhaken. Upon the whole,

Nothing as yet appears deſtructive of the doctrine of judgments, either from the conſequence ſuppoſed to follow from thence, that they muſt have been exerciſed upon all wicked men, (which is argument the 1ſt) or from the oppreſſions of virtue, (which is argument the 2d) or from the excluſion of a future ſtate, (which is argument the 3d and laſt.) If you let me know, whether you think this worth inſerting in your Journal, poſſibly you may hear again upon the ſame ſubject, from,

Sir, your humble ſervant, &c.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 17.

Laſt week Edw. Stephens, Eſq; was appointed, by the Royal African Company, Governor and Chief of Cape-Coaſt Caſtle, and all the Engliſh ſettlements on the coaſt of Africa. *D P.*

On monday in the evening a Gentleman going for Dover was attacked by a ſingle Highwayman on Shooter's hill, who robbed him of about 130 l. in money, &c. *C. P. D P.*

Yeſterday morning died at Hampſtead, after a long indiſpoſition, Sir Tho. Hardy, Bar. *D P.* He commanded the Pembroke, a 4th rate of 60 guns, with Sir Geo. Rooke, when they took the Spaniſh galleons, and was the perſon who brought the news of their being in Vigo to the Admiral; for which he was knighted. He commanded the Bedford in the memorable Spaniſh engagement 1718. *P.* He was Rear Admiral of the Red that year in the Mediterranean. *C.* He was Firſt Commiſſioner of the Sewers. *D J.*

Glouceſter, Aug. 12. About 20 years ago was found near Rodborough in this county, and is now in the hands of a perſon in this city, a Roman coin, with the following inſcription, viz. IMP. OTHO. CÆSAR. AUG. TRI. POT. on the reverſe, PAX ORBIS TERRARUM. *W E.*

This day John Evelin, Eſq; one of the Equerries to his Royal Highneſs the Prince, Son of Sir John Evelin, was married to a daughter of the L. Viſc. Falmouth, a young Lady of great beauty and merit, with a fortune of 10,000 l. *L E.* — At S. Margaret's Church. *P.* 18. In K. Hen. VIIth's Chapel. *D J.* 18. —— Hen. Belaſyſe, Eſq; was married at the Royal Chapel of S. James's, to Miſs Billingſly of Pall-Mall, Daughter of the late Capt. Billingſly. *L E.* ——— An heireſs of 30,000 l. fortune. *P.* 18.

This day her Majeſty, with his Royal Highneſs the Prince, his Highneſs the Duke, and the 3 eldeſt Princeſſes, went about 12 o'clock to Chelſea, and were elegantly entertained at dinner by Sir Rob. Walpole. *W E.* ——— They dined in the Green-houſe, which upon this occaſion was adorned with the fineſt pictures in Europe. *C.* 18. —— The deſert was ſaid to be the moſt magnificent that has been ſeen in this Kingdom. *D P.* 18. —— *This* deſert *was* the moſt magnificent *as the* deſert *of the* Prime Miniſter, *for the time, is always the greateſt.* ——— 'Tis reported that the entertainment coſt 2000 l. *D J.* 18.

On thurſday Sir Marmaduke Greſham, Bar. and Char. Hoſier, Eſq; ſet out on a wager for 100 l. to try who could travel fartheſt in a day; Sir Marmaduke rode a horſe, and the other drove a chaiſe with 2 mares. They ſet out from Godliow, came through London, and got as far as Colcheſter, where they both gave out, and drew ſtakes, being utterly unable to proceed any farther. *S J.* —— *It is pity* horſes *and* mares *ſhould be employed in determining ſuch a wager: which was moſt proper for* aſſes.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 18.

Yeſterday the Orange Regiment of foot Militia, belonging to this City, commanded by Sir Gerrard Conyers, marched from Holborn, by way of Fleet-ſtreet, to the Royal-Exchange, and from thence to the Artillery ground; they made a fine appearance, and performed a good exerciſe before they were muſter'd. *C.*

Yeſterday Dr. Guy Reuffignac, a Phyſician in Gough-ſquare, Fleet-ſtreet, was unanimouſly choſen Lecturer of Anatomy at Surgeons hall, in the room of Dr. Goldſmith, deceaſed. *P.*

Farmer Heberdeen, who was lately caſt in an action of 2000 l. damages, for ſcandalous words ſpoken againſt the *D.* of Richmond, has agreed to pay 150 l. to the poor of the City of Chicheſter, being one part of the agreement between his Grace and the ſaid Heberdeen. *D P.*

We hear from Bath, that on monday died Miſs Fletcher of Glouceſterſhire, a young Lady of 5000 l. fortune. *C.* A beautiful young Lady. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 19.

On thurſday night there was a ball at the R. Hon. Sir Rob. Walpole's houſe at Chelſea, which laſted till 2 in the morning: it was twelve before her Majeſty and the Royal family departed. *C.* The Prince, Duke, and all the Princeſſes danced country dances, and her Majeſty played at Quadrille. *D P.*

The Rev. Dr. Bundy, Rector of Barnet in Hertfordſhire, and one of his Majeſty's Chaplains, is made Prebend of Weſtminſter, in the room of Dr. Aſpinwell, deceaſed. *C.* Who is now abroad with his Majeſty. *P.*

On thurſday the R. Hon. the Lady Albemarle received advice by a private letter from Gibraltar, that his Lordſhip's ſervants and baggage were ſafely landed there; but that his Lordſhip was not arrived when the letter came away. *P.*

On monday his Majeſty's purſe of 100 guineas was run for at York, by 4 horſes, and won by Mr. Bathurſt's cheſnut horſe Diamond. *D P.*

We have an account from Speengreen in the Pariſh of Alſtoury in Cheſhire, that on the 9th a cow was killed there, belonging to one Sam. Yarwood of that place, who had no leſs than 74 ſtones in her belly. *D P.*

On thurſday in the evening a man was taken in Grub-ſtreet, being charged with robbing a Surgeon on the highway near Tottenham-court, and taking from him a caſe of inſtruments, a watch, and ſome money; and committed to Newgate. *D P.* —— N. B. *This* man *was not* of, *but only* taken in Grub-ſtreet.

On wedneſday night a fire broke out in a ſtack of hay, at a great farm near Slough in Bucks, occaſioned by its being put up too green; it conſumed the rick it broke out in, and 2 or 3 others, and a ſtack of wheat, wherein was 140 load; the whole damage is computed at 1500 l. the farm is rented of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Marlborough. *L E.*

On thurſday was held a Gen. Court of the York-buildings Company, where it was reſolved, That all ſtock on which the call has not been paid, ſhall not be transferr'd till the call is paid: That all the monies received and to be received upon the call of 11 half per cent. already made, and upon all future calls, be paid into the Governor and Court of Aſſiſtants, and the 5 following Proprietors, viz. the Hon. Will. Chetwynde, Eſq; Sir And. Chadwick, Rich. Farwell, Eſq; the Rev. Mr. Sam. Grove, and John Neale, Eſq; and the ſame not to be applied without the conſent of at leaſt 2 of the above named Gentlemen concurring with the Governor and Court of Aſſiſtants. — A motion was made, that a Committee of 9 perſons ſhould be appointed for inſpecting the Company's affairs and accounts; but the previous queſtion being put, it was carried in the negative. *C.*

MONDAY, *Aug.* 21.

By letters from Hanover, we hear that his Majeſty will return on thurſday next from the Gore, one of his hunting ſeats, for Hanover, and that after 3 weeks ſtay his Majeſty will ſet out for Holland, in oder to embark for England. *C*

Letters from Rome make mention of the death of Sir Will. Ellis, an old ſervant of the Chevalier de S. George. He was deſcended of a good family in England, and had, by ſeveral creditable employments, which he exerciſed before the revolution, acquired a very conſiderable eſtate in the Kingdom of Ireland. This he afterwards thought fit to abandon, and follow the fortune of the late King James. He was employed, and truſted by that Prince, whilſt he lived, and more ſince by the Chevalier, who with an entire confidence placed in his hands the whole management of his domeſtick affairs, and the old Gentleman always acquitted himſelf of it to his maſter's ſatisfaction. He was much reſpected for his integrity by all that had any dealings with him, and was, as far as his circumſtances would allow it, very compaſſionate and charitable to the poor. He liv'd to upwards of 90 years of age, and as he had always formerly adhered to the Proteſtant religion, as profeſſed by the Church of England, ſo he died in it, and was attended to the laſt by a Clergyman of the ſame communion, and interred at Rome according to the rites and ceremonies of the Engliſh Church. —— The ſame letters adviſe, that Mr. Thompſon was diſcharged out of priſon, and ordered to depart Rome in 24 hours, and the Eccleſiaſtical ſtate in 10 days. *P.*

On ſaturday the Solebay man of war was paid off at Woolwich, when 3 men who had received 40 l. a piece, took a boat, with all their cheſts and bedding, in order to go to Greenwich; ſoon after they had put off a light Collier coming down, with all the ſail ſhe could make, ran foul of them and ſunk the boat immediately, and all of them periſh'd, except one of the ſeamen: the Waterman's name was Oliver Leonard. *C.* The boat ran under her head, and was ſplit in two: 2 of the ſeamen were drowned, and one ſaved by a pair of oars. *P. D P.*

The R. Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury have adjourned for 3 weeks. *D J.*

They write from Cheſter, that the mobbing continues there to ſuch a degree, on account of their future elections of a Mayor and Member of Parliament, that 50 l. will ſcarce repair the windows broke in one night by both parties. 'Tis added that Capt. Perrey, the famous Engineer, who ſo ſkilfully and ſucceſsfully repaired Dagenham breach in the river Thames, was arrived there from Lincolnſhire, in order to inſpect and repair the harbour there, which, 'tis talked, 2 great men conteſt who ſhall do it; and that the freemen begin to drink free coſt at the inns in that City. *D J.*

On friday a large copper gridiron, made by Mr. Tomlinſon, Blackſmith, near Honey-lane Market, was ſet up on the top of S. Laurence's ſteeple, in imitation of a vane, to the great ſatisfaction of the Gentlemen of that pariſh; and it is allow'd by all artiſts who have viewed it, to be the beſt in London: it weighs upwards of 100 pounds, and moves with the ſmalleſt breeze. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Aug.* 22.

Yeſterday his Royal Highneſs the Prince entertained her Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and the 5 Princeſſes at dinner in a moſt ſumptuous manner at Kew. *C. D J.* In a magnificent manner. *D P.* Attended by the Dukes of Grafton, and Newcaſtle, the R. Hon. the E. of Pomfret, and Sir Rob. Walpole, &c. where they were elegantly entertained. *P.*

On friday a lodge of the antient and honourable Society of free and accepted Maſons was conſtituted at Mr. Bodley's at the Rummer tavern, Charing-croſs, (in the abſence of the R. Hon. the L. Viſc. Montacute, Grand Maſter) by Tho. Batſon, Eſq; Dep. Grand Maſter, the reſt of the Grand Officers, Secretary, &c. attending. *D P.*

On ſaturday morning ſeveral Officers belonging to the train of Artillery went down to Woolwich in the Tower barge, and made a proof of 70 pieces of large cannon at the Warren, after which there was an elegant entertainment on that occaſion for all the Officers, &c *D P. C.*

Sir Roger Butler, who was a Lieutenant of the Namur man of war, is made Commander of one of the Sloops now building at Deptford. *D P.* —— Which is to be called the Bonetta. *P.*

Thurſday laſt the Hon. Col. Norton, Lieut. Governor of Chelſea-College, one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the Borough of Bury S. Edmond's, and one of the Burgeſſes of that Corporation, was unanimouſly elected their Chief Magiſtrate for the enſuing year. *C.* Tho. Norton, Eſq; *D P.*

Yeſterday the Juſtices of the Peace for the city and liberty of Weſtminſter met, when ſeveral perſons appeared on their recognizances and were diſcharged, and others continued. *D J.*

On wedneſday the Aſſizes ended at Hereford; but no perſon was capitally convicted *C. D J.*

Yeſterday morning died the Rev. Mr. Evans, ſenior Prebendary of Weſtminſter, and Vicar of S. Brides in Fleet-ſtreet. He was made a Prebendary of that Church by Queen Anne in the year 1702. *P. D J.* Yeſterday morning about 2, in his 88th year. *C.* Between 3 and 4. He was near fourſcore years of age, dy'd a Batchelor, and reckon'd to have dy'd worth 40,000 l. He was not much eſteem'd as a Preacher, but a man of great humanity and charity. 'Tis ſaid he will be ſucceeded as Prebendary by the Rev. Mr. Barnard, one of the Chaplains at Chelſea College. *D P.*

A diſpenſation is paſſing the ſeals to enable the Rev. Mr. John Weob, Clerk, M. A. of Univerſity College in Oxford, and Chaplain to the R. Hon. Robert E. of Ker, to hold the Rectory of Great Riſſington in the County and Diocele of Glouceſter, together with the vicarage of Arlingham. *L E. S J. W E.*

On ſaturday laſt the R. Hon. the E. of Radnor arrived at his houſe in Jermyn-ſtreet, S. James's, from his travels, where he has been about 6 years. *W E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Aug.* 23.

Yeſterday a Board of Admiralty was held; when orders were ſent for the Royal yatchts to be in readineſs for ſailing to Holland on the firſt notice, in order to wait his Majeſty's arrival. *D P. C.* Lieut. Cha. Smith is appointed Capt. of one of the new Sloops now building at Cha-

them. *P. D J.* And Lieut. Fowkes to be Lieutenant of his Majeſty's Sloop the Terrible. *P.*

At the ſaid Board Matthew Concanen, of the Inner Temple, Eſq; Barriſter at law and Attorney-General of Jamaica, took the oaths before the Lords Commiſſioners, as Advocate Gen. in the Admiralty Court of that Iſland. *D J.*

Yeſterday in the afternoon the Dutcheſs of Kent was brought to bed of a ſon and heir at his Grace's houſe in S James's ſquare. *P.* He is ſtiled Lord Harold. *D J.* — The ſame day the R. Hon. the Lady Clifford, relict of the late Lord Clifford, was ſafely brought to bed of a ſon, at his Grace the D. of Norfolk's houſe in the ſaid ſquare. *D J. P.*

Yeſterday in the morning died at his habitation near Greenwich in Kent, John Storer, Eſq; formerly in the Commiſſion of the Peace. *P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Errata, in the Remarks on preſcience, in our Journal, No. 136. Col. 2. l. 11. read, for *tho' here*, tho' how. l. 52. read, for *to ſquare a circle*, a ſquare circle.

Mr. BAVIUS, *Aug.* 17, 1732.

I Am a great overgrown boy, at a country free-ſchool, where for this twelvemonth paſt, inſtead of earning a groat a day at Harrow, (with which my induſtrious Mother continually reproaches me) have I been ſcratching this poor head, over the rugged pages of JUVENAL and PERSIUS. As a ſpecimen of my capacity for the authors, I here ſend you a tranſlation of the prologue to PERSIUS. It was an exerciſe appointed me againſt the uſual viſitation of our ſchool; as ſomething applicable to my own condition, and to recommend myſelf to the notice of the Governors, ſome honeſt tradeſmen of the town, who are great judges of theſe matters. As it has received their ſage approbation, I cannot make any doubt of yours. If my dealing in this crabbed author (I muſt confeſs an old enemy to your illuſtrious Society) does not raiſe too great a prejudice againſt me, at the venerable board at the Pegaſus, I make no doubt but you will find me, in all other points, as duly qualified for a Member, as the renowned Mr. D is for Preſident of your Society. That you, Mr. BAVIUS, would be pleaſed to make a motion, at your next meeting, to matriculate an aſpiring lad is the ambitious petition

Of your humble admirer,
HOBBINOL LUBBIN.

I don't know whether you have yet admitted my lucky kinſman Mr. STEPHEN DUCK.

The Prologue to PERSIUS tranſlated.

I never dipp'd my lips, not I,
In learned Heliconian ſtreams;
Parnaſſus top I ne'er was nigh,
Nor the fantaſtick Poets dreams;

The Muſes and their mountains too,
I leave to VIRGIL, and the reſt;
Who far from us poor GRUBS below,
Thoſe airy ſeats have long poſſeſs'd.

I, a dull Swain, have left my plough,
Without their help to try the bays;
Nor need you wonder much to know,
What cou'd poſſeſs my head with lays:

What taught poor POL for ſack to call?
What did the PYE to language guide?
Ingenious want can teach us all,
What ſparing nature has deny'd.

Fill then my purſe, and I will try,
T'exert my ſupernat'ral knack;
My brains inſpir'd ſhall mount as high,
As noble BAY's fir'd with ſack:

My mouth ſhall flow with Poetry,
As natural to me and COL;
As language to the chattering PYE;
Or human ſenſe to *pretty* POL.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 17.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Paris, Aug. 23. On the 13th inſt. the French Company of Comedians acted for the firſt time M. Voltaire's new Tragedy called *Zaire*, which met with a general applauſe. *C.* — On the 19th at 6, the Chambers of Parliament aſſembled, and at half an hour after 7 their Deputies ſet out for Marly. The King delivered to them a Declaration ſealed up, and ordered them to regiſter it. The Chambers aſſembled again the next morning to know the anſwer; but broke up without doing any thing, only reſolved that the King ſhould be ſupplicated to withdraw that Declaration. *C.*

Carthagena, July 28. 'Tis ſaid that the Duke de Riperda is turn'd Mahometan, and engaged in the ſervice of the Emperor of Morocco. *D P.* The King of Mequinez. *D J.* — *I hope he has now ſome* religion; *while he was a* Chriſtian, *I fear, he had* none.

Gibraltar, July 8. We are often inſulted by the Spaniards advances, who pretend the ground without the town is theirs, and that they may do as they pleaſe with it. The great cry made ſome time ago, that the Spaniſh works were to be demoliſhed (only intended the old ones raiſed during the ſiege) is not yet begun. It was agreed what they ſhould do, and what we were to do, but they will not begin, nor ſuffer us to do any thing, till approbation comes from Seville. Thoſe works grow harder, and are better than ever, in caſe they ſhould have occaſion to make uſe of them. *D J.* — *How could this* great cry be made ſome time ago, *ſince it* is not yet begun?

SATURDAY, *Aug.* 19.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from Flanders.

Leghorn, Aug. 1. The maſter of a veſſel which arrived laſt from Alicant reports, that part of the tranſports which returned thither from Oran have been retaken into ſervice and new freighted with proviſions for the Spaniſh army. *LE.*

MONDAY, *Aug.* 21.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from France.

Pari, Aug. 27. On the 22d the Gens du Roy went to Marli, to know of the King when his Majeſty will be pleaſed to receive their remonſtrances upon the declaration. The King told them, that the Parliament ſhould have no audience till they reſumed their functions. — On the 23d the Gens du Roy made a report to the Chambers in Parliament of the King's anſwer, who, after mature deliberation, declared they could not re-enter on their functions before the King had withdrawn his declaration, and charg'd the Gens du Roy to return again to Marli. *D P.* &c.

Ratiſbon, Aug. 18. 'Tis ſaid the 2 armies which the French are going to form at [in] Alſace and upon the Moſelle, will amount to near 80,000 men. *D P.*

Extract of a letter from Tetuan, July 28. —— We hear that the Governor of Oran, on his arrival at Algier, was beheaded, for his cowardly deſerting that town. *D J.*

Yeſterday arrived the Mail due from Holland.

Paris, Aug. 25. We hear from Spain that the Count de Montemar having received orders from the Court to return to the Ports of Spain, and diſarm his Fleet and Army, had left in Oran 8 Battallions, under the command of the Marquis de Santa Cruz the Governor, and was departed thence accordingly. *P.*

Florence, Aug. 9. They write from Genoa, that the Spaniſh Miniſter has deliver'd a new memorial to the Regency, to demand ſatisfaction for the inſult committed on the perſon of his Catholic Majeſty's Conſul at Baſtia. *D P.*

Vienna, Aug. 16. We have received letters from Conſtantinople of the 10th paſt, importing, that the plague makes great ravages there. *D f. C.*

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